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## Cascade Pacific, Gold Coast and Golden Gateway submit regional network plans

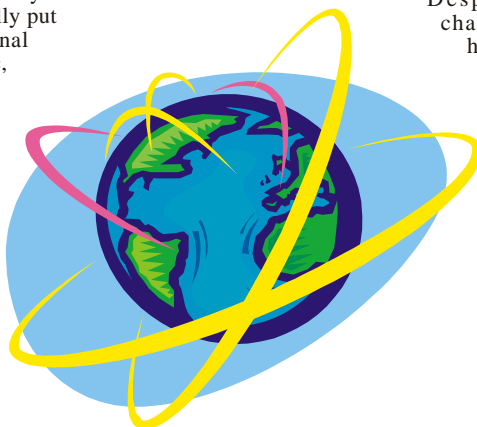
Librarians from all types of libraries from all regions of the state gathered together in early April 1999 at a Library of California (LoC) planning workshop for a unified purpose: to learn how to become a regional library network. After more than a year of gritty determination to successfully put together a plan, three LoC regional planning groups, Cascade Pacific, Gold Coast, and Golden Gateway, stand on the brink of becoming the first regional library networks of the LoC. All three have submitted their applications for the Library of California board to review and approve at their August 2000 meeting.

The road to becoming a regional library network has been arduous not only for Cascade Pacific, Gold Coast, and Golden Gateway, but also for the other four planning regions: Sierra Valley, Arroyo Seco, Tierra del Sol, and Heartland. According to the Library of California Act, the regional network applications submitted to the LoC board must contain the following information:

- an organizational structure
- bylaws
- membership policies, assuring that all eligible libraries in eligible jurisdictions and institutions in the geographic region of the LoC planning region submitting the application will be enabled to participate
- a long-range plan, including the transition of services from the California Library Services Act to the LoC Act, the criteria and functions for regional resource libraries, and the linkages with information agencies in the region
- the endorsement of the charter members; the charter members shall include more than one type of library
- geographical contiguity.

This is a lot of work, necessitating all the planning regions to develop the most tightly woven plan so that representatives from many different library types, user and multicultural groups, libraries, organizations, information providers within the respective LoC planning region, can be enticed to become network members. This has been a daunting task for all the regions because of the difficulty in scheduling meetings around all the planning members' busy schedules and at

a location that doesn't require some planning group members to drive several hours one way. To those scheduling these meetings, the challenge is akin to one of the labors of Hercules.



*Cascade Pacific, Gold Coast, and Golden Gateway, stand on the brink of becoming the first regional library networks of Library of California.*

Despite these and many other challenges, all planning groups have committed to submitting applications no later than the LoC board meeting in Santa Clara in November, and three have now met that commitment. All the librarians, consultants, and others in Cascade Pacific, Gold Coast, Golden Gateway, Sierra Valley, Arroyo Seco, Tierra del Sol, and Heartland are to be commended for their labors in transforming the vision of Library of California into a palpable reality.

Following is a list of the LoC planning region names and the counties they represent:

**Cascade Pacific Libraries** (Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra,

Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity)

**Golden Gateway** (Alameda, Contra Costa, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma)

**Sierra Valley** (Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Merced, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo, Yuba)

**Arroyo Seco** (Los Angeles, Orange)

**Tierra del Sol** (Imperial, Inyo, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego)

**Heartland** (Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Tulare)

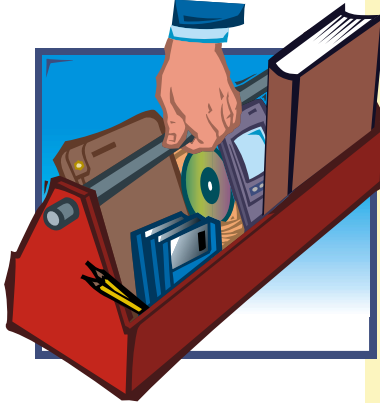
**Gold Coast** (San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura)

More information on the regional library networks is available on the LoC website at [www.library.ca.gov/loc/regional/index.html](http://www.library.ca.gov/loc/regional/index.html). You can also contact Diana Paque, Library of California Director, at (916) 653-7183, or by email to [dpaque@library.ca.gov](mailto:dpaque@library.ca.gov). ■

## Library board member workshops underway

Effective boards lead to effective public libraries! That is the premise underlying a new partnership between the California State Library and the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners (CALTAC).

Carla Lehn, an expert in board development for non-profit and public agencies, has trained a small group of carefully selected CALTAC members in how to train other board members in this important topic. The first group of program graduates has already begun presenting workshops on library board effectiveness at the request of California public library boards. Each new trainer has a well-developed workshop kit based on the publication "Trustee Tool Kit for Library Leadership," the most recent edition of which the California State Library published in partnership with CALTAC in 1998.



The first two Board Member workshops were held at the Lake County Library in Lakeport and at the El Centro Public Library in Imperial County. Trustees and commissioners attending workshops at both libraries said they gained many new ideas that will lead to more effective board action.

Training sessions are now being scheduled in 25 public libraries, with eight able trainers ready and willing to conduct them. They are: Jane Jones, Evelyn Kobayashi, Joan Leighty, Mary Minow, Kristen Montan, Alan Smith, Dom Summa and Eleanor Wright. Kristen Montan and Alan Smith, who led the workshops in Lake County and in El Centro, will be available to present additional workshops.

To learn more about having a workshop presented to a California public library board, contact Alan Smith at his Bank of America office in Pleasant Hill, California. He can be reached by phone at (925) 356-1003, or by email: alan.blake.smith@bankamerica.com.

Funding for these workshops and publication of the CALTAC Tool Kit has been provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the California State Librarian.

For more information, contact Al Bennett, CALTAC Workshops Coordinator at the California State Library, at (916) 653-7743, or by email to abennett@library.ca.gov

For the text of the Trustee Tool Kit for Library Leadership publication, see <http://www.library.ca.gov/LDS/toolkit.pdf>. ■

## Mark Parker appointed as new LDS Bureau Chief

State Librarian Dr. Kevin Starr has appointed Mark Parker to the position of chief of the Library Development Services Bureau (LDS). He will replace Liz Gibson, who announced in May that she would step down as LDS bureau chief. Parker, who has been the assistant bureau chief in LDS for the past year, began his new duties as bureau chief on July 1st.

Parker brings a wealth of wisdom and experience to his new position. An administrator for the past 18 years, he has spent seven of those as Coordinator and Analyst for the Mountain Valley Library System (MVLS), and six years as the Deputy Director for Automation and Collection Services for the Sacramento Public Library. Since coming to LDS as the technology coordinator, Parker has been involved in a number of technology projects, including: the development and implementation of regional and statewide bibliographic databases and online catalogs, telecommunications systems, and interlibrary loan networks. He has also played a leading role in other successful statewide library development programs, including InFoPeople, the Gates Library Initiative, California E-rate, and the 24/7 Reference Project.

Gibson assumes the position of Planning Consultant in the LDS Bureau, and will continue to work on both statewide and regional projects and programs. ■

## State Librarian appoints Richard Hall Interim Bond Act Manager

State Librarian Dr. Kevin Starr announced on July 11, 2000 that Richard Hall, library facilities consultant for the State Library, has agreed to act as the Interim Library Bond Act Manager effective July 1, 2000.

As Interim Bond Act Manager, Mr. Hall will oversee the initial implementation of the Library Literacy and Reading Improvement and Public Library Renovation and Construction Bond Act of 2000 program. This measure, which California voters passed as Proposition 14 in March of this year, will provide \$350,000,000 to assist local governments throughout California to renovate and upgrade existing facilities and to build new library buildings.

Mr. Hall has served the State Library well for the last 10 years, first as manager of the 1988 Bond Act public library construction program, and most recently as the library facilities consultant in the State Library's Library Development Services bureau. In Dr. Starr's announcement he stated: "I know you will all enjoy working with Richard. Mr. Hall will act in this capacity until the State Library has the necessary approvals to establish the permanent position for the Library Bond Act Manager."

A FAQ on the bond act is available on the CSL website at [www.library.ca.gov/html/libser17b.html](http://www.library.ca.gov/html/libser17b.html). Richard Hall, Interim Bond Act Manager, can be contacted at (916) 653-7252, or by email to rhall@library.ca.gov. ■

# LSTA and the people of California

Although most librarians in California and other states have either heard of or applied for federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funds, oftentimes the only information anyone receives is what library programs have been funded and not the direct effect LSTA has on the people libraries serve. Currently there are 510 LSTA- and LSTA-funded library sites in California, serving 1.8 million California residents in urban and rural libraries. The following three examples are selected summaries of the very real impact LSTA has had on peoples' lives:

Federal grant funds were used for several years to allow nearly every public library in California to have access to the Internet. The InFoPeople project purchased personal computer workstations, provided telecommunications support, trained library staff, and provided other services, including the hugely popular Librarian's Index to the Internet (LII).

In Santa Clara, California, an elderly immigrant couple wanted to contact a relative of a long-lost close friend so that they could pass along some photos and memorabilia to him or his family. These close friends had been separated since World War II, and the couple wanted to renew this important friendship after 50 years. Telephone book searches yielded no clues as to this friend's location, but an electronic inquiry using the Internet at one of the InFoPeople-funded libraries found seven potential names in just minutes. One of the persons found turned out to be a relative of the long, lost friend. "I couldn't believe how quick your new service produced results," exclaimed the wife. "And we're so happy you did not charge us for it."

An LSTA-funded grant project entitled "A Place of Our Own" galvanized the Santa Cruz, California, City-County Library to change the mission and character of an old, unused Carnegie library building in a disadvantaged neighborhood of the city. The result was a revitalized branch library that is a valued and popular meeting place for young adults to work on projects ranging from homework help to arts and crafts and science. This transformed building has been re-designated a branch library for young adults, which has brought both regulars and newcomers to the library through word of mouth. This branch library prompted one teen to remark "It's like this place is for us!"

According to a research report from the State Library's California Research Bureau, approximately 856,000 children in California have a parent in jail, prison, or in the state's adult criminal justice system. One solution to reach these At-Risk kids was developed in

Ventura County, California using LSTA funds. Called "The Home Connection," this grant helped forge a creative partnership between the Ventura County Honor Farm and the county library services agency. Part of this project taught parenting skills to incarcerated women using a curriculum based on children's books. As part of their contribution, inmates recorded audiotapes of themselves reading aloud from books appropriate to the age of their children. Two women inmates released from prison died shortly thereafter from drug addiction. One librarian who was involved in this grant project said that during their stay in the program, these mothers had recorded tapes that they mailed home with books for their children. "These tapes and books may be the only positive legacy [these children's] mothers have left them. But, thankfully, their children will have at least these happy moments shared with their moms via tape."

For more information about LSTA, contact Jay Cunningham, LSTA Coordinator at the California State Library, at (916) 653-8112, or by email to [jcunningham@library.ca.gov](mailto:jcunningham@library.ca.gov).

The California Research Bureau (CRB) report entitled "Children of Incarcerated Parents" is available on the CSL website at [www.library.ca.gov/crb/00/notes/v7v2.pdf](http://www.library.ca.gov/crb/00/notes/v7v2.pdf). ■



## First California Bond Act Board Meeting Scheduled



The first meeting of the California Public Library Construction and Renovation Board is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on September 14, 2000 at the California State Library. The meeting will be held in Room 500 of the Library and Courts Building at 914 Capitol Mall in Sacramento, California. This first meeting will be organizational in nature, with the agenda published towards the end of August.

The board is responsible for developing all the "rules, regulations, and policies" to implement the *California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2000* or Proposition 14, which California voters approved on March 7, 2000. The board will also approve all grant award decisions for the \$350 million made available for public library construction. First funding priority, according to the act, will go to "joint use projects in which the agency that operates the library and one or more school districts have a cooperative agreement."

The board has six members. They are: Dr. Kevin Starr, State Librarian; Philip Angelides, State Treasurer; B. Timothy Gage, Director of the State Department of Finance; Assemblywoman Dr. Gloria Romero, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly; State Senator Deirdre "Dede" Alpert appointed by Senate Rules; Barton P. Pachino, Esq., appointed by the Governor. ■

# Library of California June board meeting

The following is a selection of the actions taken by the Library of California board at its quarterly meeting on June 21-22 in Santa Barbara:

## 1. Mission Statement

The board voted unanimously to adopt the following mission statement:

*The Library of California Board builds and supports the sharing of resources among all libraries for all Californians.*

## 2. Telecommunications Infrastructure - Z39.50

The board voted unanimously to direct the chief executive officer (State Librarian Dr. Kevin Starr) to allocate Library of California funds up to \$112,500 to continue the Z39.50 Server Software grant program for fiscal year 2000/2001.

## 3. CLSA Statewide Data Base

The board voted unanimously to approve the allocation of fiscal year 2000/2001 funds for the payment of CLSA Statewide Data Base annual subsidies in the amounts of \$65, \$500, and \$5,000.

The board also voted unanimously to approve the allocation of any fiscal year 2000/2001 Statewide Data Base funds not required for payment of annual subsidies. These remaining funds will be for competitive block grants of \$10,000 each to individual public libraries for retrospective conversion projects.

## 4. Senate Bill 1774

The board voted unanimously to support SB 1774 (Bowen), relating to the digital divide and computer access to the Internet if the bill is amended to have the funding portion related to library grants to be administered by the State Library and not the Department of Education.

[For the text of SB1774, see [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov)]

## 5. Interlibrary Loan Pilot Program

The board voted unanimously to direct its chief executive officer to allocate up to \$500,000 in fiscal year 2000/2001 Library of California funds to extend the current interlibrary loan pilot program through December 31, 2000.

## 6. Budget Change Proposals

The board voted unanimously to authorize the chief executive officer (State Librarian Dr. Kevin Starr) to prepare the following fiscal year 2001/2002 Budget Change Proposals to be considered at the August 2000 board meeting:

### ■ CLSA Interlibrary Loan, Universal Borrowing, and Equal Access Programs

Local assistance funding would be provided for California Library Services Act (CLSA) interlibrary loan and direct loan programs.

### ■ CLSA Special Services Program-Literacy

Local assistance funding would be provided to increase the state match for libraries with established California Library Literacy Service programs to approximately 30%, and to expand Families for Literacy services in California libraries.

### ■ CLSA System Reference and Communications and Delivery Program

Local assistance funding would be provided to help the program meet additional costs incurred by newly formed library jurisdictions that by fiscal year 2000/2001 have affiliated with a CLSA System.

[For complete text of Library of California board action items, see [www.library.ca.gov/loc](http://www.library.ca.gov/loc). ■]



## Library of California board meeting set for August 16 to 18 in Irvine

The Library of California Board will hold its regular meeting at the Irvine Crowne Plaza Hotel on August 16th through 18th. Tentatively, board committee meetings are scheduled for the first day, a board strategic planning session for the second day, and the board meeting itself for the final day.

At the August meeting, the board will be considering several issues related to funding programs. These include:

- Funding Library of California programs in fiscal year 2000/01 with existing funding
- Factors which should be considered and addressed in funding regional library network operations
- Discussion of requests for new funding (BCPs) for 2001/02 and setting board priorities for the support of these requests.

Library of California board committee meetings and general sessions are open meetings, and interested parties are welcome to attend. Agendas and packets for the meeting will be sent to all regional contacts during the week prior to the board meeting. ■

## Regional contacts meeting at the August board meeting

Few opportunities exist for contacts from the Library of California planning regions to meet and discuss issues and concerns. As the Board welcomes the participation of members of regional planning groups at their meetings, it also seemed appropriate to give regional contacts an opportunity to meet and discuss current issues among themselves within the context of the board meeting. Therefore, a Regional Contacts Meeting is scheduled for the evening of August 16, 2000, from 6 to 9pm, at the Crowne Plaza Irvine. There will be a no-host bar and dinner followed by the meeting. Dinner is expected to be in the range of \$15-20 per person. Invitations are being sent to regional contacts and system coordinators, but the dinner and meeting are open to all regional planning group representatives. For further information, please contact your regional contact, or Wanda Green at (916) 653-6033 or [wgreen@library.ca.gov](mailto:wgreen@library.ca.gov). Reservations received after August 1 will be on a space-available basis. ■

# RAND California trial gives valuable info to Library of California Regions

The state supported subscription to RAND California, begun in 1999 as the first statewide licensed database for the Library of California (LoC) Regions, ended July 30. The project has given the LoC Regional Planning groups useful marketing information about the libraries that participated in this trial database program.

Over 1,600 libraries participated in the RAND California trial program, including more than 500 K-12 schools, 800 public, 180 college and university, and 70 special libraries. A survey to evaluate the RAND California trial project is currently underway.

Libraries that have not already filled out the survey form can find it online at: <http://bancroft.library.ca.gov/randeval/randsurv.cfm>.

All libraries that registered for RAND are encouraged to fill out the survey form so that future database licensing activities can benefit from the experience of this trial project.

Libraries wishing to subscribe to RAND California can do so for the coming year. The LoC has negotiated a cooperative purchase for this licensed database at reduced rates for the LoC participants. An online enrollment form is available at:

<http://ca.rand.org/subscribe.libca.html>. You can also contact Joe Nation of RAND Corporation at (415) 453-5086, or by email [joe@joenation.com](mailto:joe@joenation.com).

For more information about the RAND California trial database program, contact Ira Bray, Electronic Information Resources consultant at the California State Library, at (916) 653-0171, or by email to [ibray@library.ca.gov](mailto:ibray@library.ca.gov) ■

# Californians honored for helping libraries

Four living Californians have been included by the American Library Association (ALA) in the ten being honored for support of the state's libraries in the 20th century.

The four individuals recognized for their advocacy of libraries are State Senator Deirdre ("Dede") Alpert (Dem.-San Diego); Congressman Randy ("Duke") Cunningham (Rep.-Escondido); James Dawe, a San Diego attorney and longtime library supporter; and State Senator Richard K. Rainey (Rep.-Walnut Creek).

The ALA also named the California Public Utilities Commission as an outstanding advocate of public libraries for giving libraries a 50-percent discount on utility rates statewide. This discount rate is now complemented by the federal e-rate program, allowing library users in California to have access to electronic databases and Internet information resources.

Alpert sponsored the legislation that created the Library of California, a statewide network of libraries of all types. When fully realized, the Library of California will connect all of the 8,000 libraries in the state to form a vast information-sharing system.

Cunningham was instrumental in securing federal grants for libraries at a critical time when the previous funding act expired. He helped to rally others in Congress to support passage of the Library Services and Technology Act, which now provides \$14 million annually to California libraries.

Dawe has been a spokesperson for libraries in San Diego and statewide. He is currently president of the Library of California board, which oversees the spending of federal and state funds on libraries in the state. He chaired the campaign to pass the March 2000 bond issue for public library construction and renovation.

Rainey successfully led the legislative effort in Sacramento to place the bond issue on the March ballot. The \$350-million bond issue is the largest library construction bond issue in the nation's history. As sheriff of Contra Costa County, before being elected to the State Legislature, Rainey worked closely with the county library system to provide literacy tutoring for inmates in the county jails.

The five posthumous recipients of the ALA awards are Edith M. Coulter, an outstanding reference librarian at the University of California at Berkeley and one of the founders of the library school there; James L. Gillis, the California state librarian who supported the creation of county free libraries throughout the state and established the Department of Traveling Libraries, sending 200 libraries to rural communities; Henry E. Huntington, who in 1919 deeded his estate, library, art gallery, and gardens to create the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery, one of the greatest collections of rare books and documents in the world; Charles Lummis, who helped to make the Los Angeles Public Library one of the premier public libraries in the nation; and Joseph C. Rowell, long-time university librarian at the University of California at Berkeley, who shaped the university library system. ■

# Governor's Book Fund at \$70,000

▶ The Governor's Book Fund, established to address the literacy needs of California's children, has reached \$70,000.

Established by the California State Library Foundation on behalf of the Governor and First Lady Sharon Davis, the fund will direct grants to school libraries with a demonstrated need for new books. This is a statewide program, and it is estimated that grants will average \$5,000.

The fund will solicit donations from the private sector. It has a nine-member advisory board consisting of representatives of key agencies and organizations. The First Lady is an honorary member and chair of the advisory board, which meets annually in the State Librarian's office. The advisory board held its first meeting on March 14 of this year.

K-12 schools will be able to apply for funds after assessing their existing book

collections, identifying specific subject areas of need, and describing the types of materials that, if purchased, address that need. All California public school libraries, including those in high schools, are eligible for these grants. The board anticipates that the application process will be finalized later this year and applications announced in September.

The Vintner's Classic, a golf tournament to be held at the Sonoma Mission Inn on September 15, will donate all proceeds to the Governor's Book Fund. For those not wishing to participate in the golf tournament, a day of spa treatments can be arranged.

Book Fund Advisory Board Members for 2000/01 include: First Lady Sharon Davis, Chair and Honorary Member; Dr. Kevin Starr, State Librarian; Julie Song, Governor's Office of the Secretary of Education; Barbara Jeffus, School Library

Consultant, California Department of Education; Marilyn Robertson, President, California School Library Association; Lenore Daw, Elementary Library Media Teacher, Bethune Elementary (Fresno); Maria Rangel, Middle School Library Media Teacher, Los Angeles Unified School District; Amanda Carter, High School Library Media Teacher, Travis Unified School District (Fairfield); Patty Wong, Coordinator for Youth Services, Oakland Public Library; Dr. Carole Talan, Library Literacy Programs Coordinator, California State Library.

For more information, contact Carole Talan, Governor's Book Fund Coordinator, at (916) 653-8032, or by email to [ctalan@library.ca.gov](mailto:ctalan@library.ca.gov). ■



## Interlibrary Loan: The Library of California model

▶ Since it began in April 1999, the Library of California (LoC) pilot program for Interlibrary Loan (ILL) has blossomed, with over 100 libraries joining the pilot program and being reimbursed for over 100,000 loans. This pilot program, established shortly after the LoC came into being, builds upon the California Library Services Act (CLSA) by recognizing the importance of ILL among public, academic, school, medical, legal, corporate, and other California libraries. This is not allowable under CLSA, which is limited to reimbursing only public libraries or loans in which a public library is one of the parties involved in the ILL transaction. Public libraries continue to be reimbursed under CLSA; the ILL program authorized by the LoC Board allows any type of non-public library to submit a reimbursement claim for loaning their materials to other libraries. The board has also authorized this program to continue at least through the end of 2000.

Besides this pilot program, the board also authorized a study of interlibrary and direct loan compensation programs within other states. Himmel and Wilson Library Consultants were awarded the contract, and subsequently produced a report entitled Supporting Interlibrary Loan and Direct Loan Services in California's Multitype Library Environment. In their report Himmel and Wilson observed that California already has the most comprehensive and fair loan compensation program of all the states. They recommended that California should expand the current CLSA Transaction Based Reimbursement (TBR) program to include all types of libraries.

Partly to test the mettle of the consultants' recommendation and also guide LoC staff, a focus group of librarians from throughout California met at the State Library on May 18 to consider proposals on interlibrary

and direct loan compensation that the Library of California board would be considering in the near future. Led by consultant Joan Frye Williams, the focus group used the seven principles of Himmel and Wilson's Supporting Interlibrary Loan report as a springboard for discussion. After much discussion the group recommended a more creative approach to loan compensation that did not follow the core Himmel and Wilson recommendation to expand TBR. Instead, they offered six loan concepts, some of which are outside current practice and, indeed, may be outside current law. Because of this, the participants felt that the focus group's work should be distributed for further comment before LoC staff presented staff proposals to the board for action.

The focus group consensus approached loan compensation with the following concepts:

- Think "compensation," not "reimbursement"
- Provide sign-up incentives for new participants
- Don't limit compensation to cash payments
- Provide baseline compensation annually
- Compensate all loans, both interlibrary and direct
- Recognize the efforts of "top tier" lenders

The Himmel and Wilson and focus group reports can be found on the Library of California Web site at [www.library.ca.gov/loc/resource/l-studies/illstudyfinal-feb00.pdf](http://www.library.ca.gov/loc/resource/l-studies/illstudyfinal-feb00.pdf).

For more information about LoC and CLSA loan programs, contact Tom Andersen, CLSA Program Coordinator, at (916) 653-7391, or by email to [tandersen@library.ca.gov](mailto:tandersen@library.ca.gov). ■

## Bookmarks promoting lifelong learning still available

One of the recommendations resulting from the Convocation on Providing Public Library Service to California's 21st Century Population in 1997 was that public libraries should publicize the library's unique role in lifelong learning. To help libraries in this endeavor, bookmarks with the heading "Discover a lifetime of learning at the library!" were produced in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean, and distributed upon request to public libraries. A limited number of English and Spanish bookmarks is still available at no charge to California public libraries while supplies last. To request copies of the bookmark, e-mail or fax your request, indicating the number of bookmarks desired, the language (Spanish or English), and the address to which they should be shipped to [cslls@library.ca.gov](mailto:cslls@library.ca.gov), or (916) 653-8443 fax.

*The text of the bookmark reads as follows:*

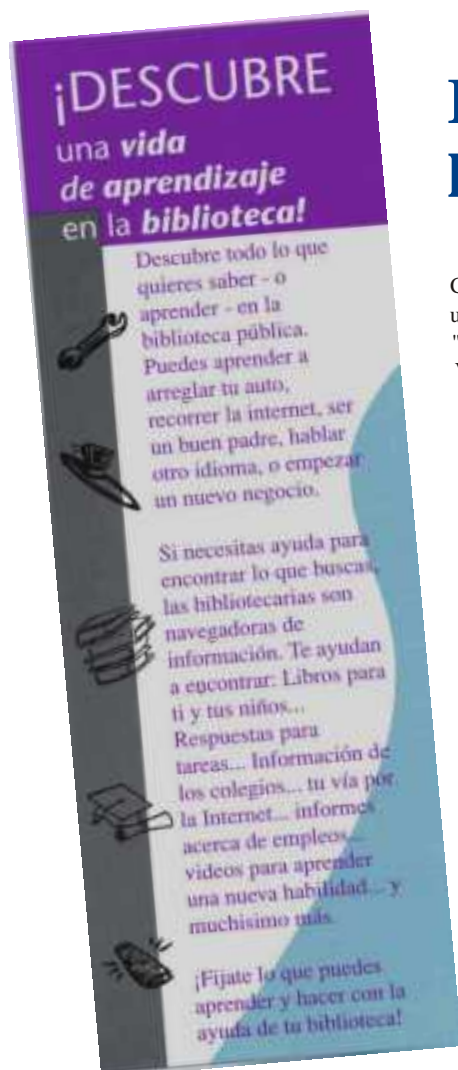
"Discover everything you want to know - or learn how to do - at your public library. Find out how: to fix your car, surf the 'net, be a good parent, speak another language, or start a new business. And if you need help finding what you want, librarians are information navigators. They can help you find: Books for you and your kids...Homework answers...College information...your way around the Internet...Job info...Videos to help you learn a new skill...and a whole lot more. Check out what the library can help you learn and do!"

For more information, contact Kathy Low at (916) 653-6822 or by email to [klow@library.ca.gov](mailto:klow@library.ca.gov). ■

## LSTA announcement for 2001/2002 fiscal year coming

Thinking about a new program for your library but can't come up with the money? Maybe Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) can help! In August 2000 the State Librarian will announce the availability of application materials for interested persons to apply for LSTA federal grant funds for the fiscal year 2001/2002 grant period. Those interested in applying for LSTA funds in this next grant cycle should start planning now if you have an idea for a new library program or service, resource sharing project, projects involving technology and/or digitization, retrospective conversion, or other types of projects. Information about LSTA is available as a hyper-link on the California State Library's website at [www.library.ca.gov/html/grants.html](http://www.library.ca.gov/html/grants.html). Updated LSTA information should be available soon on the website, so stay tuned.

For more information about LSTA, contact Jay Cunningham, LSTA Coordinator, at (916) 653-8112, or by email to [jcunningham@library.ca.gov](mailto:jcunningham@library.ca.gov). ■



## August

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### **August 6-12, 2000**

CSL-Stanford Institute summer conference

### **August 16-18, 2000**

Library of California board meeting, Irvine

### **August 23, 2000**

Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA)  
announcement of awards for fiscal year 2000/2001

## September

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### **September 30, 2000**

Completion of fiscal year 1999/2000 LSTA projects

## October

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### **October 1, 2000**

Start of LSTA fiscal year 2000/2001 projects

## November

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### **November 8-10, 2000**

Library of California board meeting, Santa Clara

### **November 10, 2000**

State Advisory Council on Libraries Meeting (tent.),  
Santa Clara

### **November 11-14, 2000**

California Library Association (CLA)  
Annual Conference, Santa Clara

### **November 11, 2000**

California Millenium Conference: CLA 2000,  
Santa Clara

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